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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUTOMATED CONTINUING EVALUATION

SYSTEM (ACES)

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5510.30A, Chapter 10

Encl: (1) OUSD(C&I) memo of 2 April 04

1. Enclosure (1) announces the deployment of the Automated Continuing Evaluation System (ACES). ACES is a Department of Defense tool to automatically query government and commercial databases between periodic reinvestigation cycles in order to detect serious, yet unreported, issues of security concern. ACES uses established adjudication criteria to identify issues, such as financial anomalies, criminal incidents and foreign connections. ACES then generates a detailed issue report which is forwarded via the Joint Personnel Adjudication System to the appropriate Central Adjudication Facility (CAF).

- 2. ACES reinforces the reference (a) continuing evaluation program reporting requirements; it does not replace them. ACES does not require a personnel interview, a Personnel Security Questionnaire, nor an information release form prior to query. Personnel will not be notified before an ACES search is conducted, however, Defense Security Service and/or DON CAF may contact commands and personnel subsequent to an ACES query to obtain information to complete an ACES developed issue report.
- 3. Additional information on ACES can be found at https://jpas.osd.mil/index.asp. Please disseminate this memorandum to your subordinate commands or refer them to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO(N09N2)) web site at www.navysecurity.navy.mil.

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Subject: DoD Implementing New Personnel Security Measure

The Department is in the process of implementing the Automated Continuing Evaluation System (ACES). ACES will check government and commercial databases between renewal cycles for security investigations to help assess whether people occupying national security positions are behaving in a manner consistent with the standards for continued access to classified information or assignment to sensitive duties. As a result, serious issues of security concern will be detected and acted upon much earlier.

ACES implementation will be incremental. Pilot testing has already been completed. Beginning this month, people holding TOP SECRET level clearances will begin receiving ACES checks. Coverage will be expanded in the coming months to all levels of clearances as well as to individuals assigned to sensitive positions. Additional information about ACES can be found at the following website: https://jpas.osd.mil/index.asp.

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